

SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF STUDY.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—As soon as practicable after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall complete a study of the Study Area.

(b) **INCLUSIONS.**—The study shall determine, through appropriate analysis and documentation, whether the Study Area—

(1) includes an assemblage of natural, historical, and cultural resources that represent distinctive aspects of the heritage of the United States that—

(A) are worthy of recognition, conservation, interpretation, and continued use; and

(B) would best be managed—

(i) through partnerships among public and private entities; and

(ii) by combining diverse and, in some cases, noncontiguous resources and active communities;

(2) reflects traditions, customs, beliefs, and folklife that are a valuable part of the story of the United States;

(3) provides outstanding opportunities to conserve natural, historical, cultural, or scenic features;

(4) provides outstanding recreational and educational opportunities;

(5) contains resources important to any theme of the Study Area that retains a degree of integrity capable of supporting interpretation;

(6) includes residents, business interests, nonprofit organizations, and State and local governments that—

(A) are involved in the planning of the Study Area;

(B) have developed a conceptual financial plan that outlines the roles of all participants for development and management of the Study Area, including the Federal Government; and

(C) have demonstrated support for the concept of a national heritage area;

(7) has a potential management entity to work in partnership with residents, business interests, nonprofit organizations, and State and local governments to develop a national heritage area consistent with continued State and local economic activity; and

(8) is depicted on a conceptual boundary map that is supported by the public.

(c) **CONSULTATION.**—In conducting the study, the Secretary shall consult with—

(1) State historic preservation officers;

(2) State historical societies; and

(3) other appropriate organizations.

(d) **REPORT.**—Not later than 3 fiscal years after the date on which funds are made available to carry out this Act, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Resources of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate a report on the findings, conclusions, and recommendations of the study.

SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

There is authorized to be appropriated \$300,000 to carry out this Act.

DESIGNATING WILSON CREEK AS A COMPONENT OF THE NATIONAL WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS SYSTEM

Mr. SMITH of Oregon. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the following bill, Calendar No. 638, H.R. 1749.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 1749) to designate Wilson Creek in Avery and Caldwell Counties, North Carolina, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. SMITH of Oregon. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that any committee amendments be agreed to, where appropriate, the bill be read the third time and passed, any title amendments be agreed to, as necessary, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (H.R. 1749) was read the third time and passed.

Mr. SMITH of Oregon. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the consideration en bloc of the following two bills: Calendar No. 631, S. 610, and Calendar No. 741, S. 2279.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bills by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 610) to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain lands under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management in Washakie County and Big Horn County, Wyoming, to the Westside Irrigation District, Wyoming, and for other purposes.

A bill (S. 2279) to authorize the addition of land to Sequoia National Park, and for other purposes.

Mr. SMITH of Oregon. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that any committee amendments be agreed to, where appropriate, the bills be read the third time and passed, any title amendments be agreed to, as necessary, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements relating to the bills be printed in the RECORD, with the above occurring en bloc.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

CONVEYANCE OF LAND IN WASHAKIE COUNTY AND BIG HORN COUNTY, WYOMING TO THE WESTSIDE IRRIGATION DISTRICT, WYOMING

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 610) to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management in Washakie County and Big Horn County, Wyoming, to the Westside Irrigation District, Wyoming, and for other purposes, which had been reported by the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources with an amendment to strike all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italic:

SECTION 1. CONVEYANCE.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—On completion of an environmental analysis under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.), the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Director of the Bureau of Land Management (referred to in this Act as the "Secretary"), shall convey to the Westside Irrigation District, Wyoming (referred to in this Act as "Westside"), all right, title, and interest (excluding the mineral interest) of the United States in and to such portions of the Federal land in Big Horn County and Washakie County, Wyoming, described in subsection (c), as the district enters into an agreement with the Secretary to purchase.

(b) **PRICE.**—The price of the land conveyed under subsection (a) shall be equal to the appraised value of the land, as determined by the Secretary.

(c) LAND DESCRIPTION.

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The land referred to in subsection (a) is the approximately 16,500 acres of land in Big Horn County and Washakie County, Wyoming, as depicted on the map entitled "Westside Project" and dated May 9, 2000.

(2) **ADJUSTMENT.**—On agreement of the Secretary and Westside, acreage may be added to or subtracted from the land to be conveyed as necessary to satisfy any mitigation requirements under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.).

(d) **USE OF PROCEEDS.**—Proceeds of the sale of land under subsection (a) shall be deposited in a special account in the Treasury of the United States and shall be available to the Secretary of the Interior, without further Act of appropriation, for the acquisition of land and interests in land in the Worland District of the Bureau of Land Management in the State of Wyoming that will benefit public recreation, public access, fish and wildlife habitat, or cultural resources.

The committee amendment in the nature of a substitute was agreed to.

The bill (S. 610), as amended, was read the third time and passed.

AUTHORIZING ADDITION OF LAND TO SEQUOIA NATIONAL PARK

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 2279) to authorize the addition of land to Sequoia National Park, and for other purposes, which was ordered to be engrossed for the third reading, read the third time, and passed, as follows:

S. 2279

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. ADDITION TO SEQUOIA NATIONAL PARK.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—As soon as practicable after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior shall acquire by donation, purchase with donated or appropriated funds, or exchange, all interest in and to the land described in subsection (b) for addition to Sequoia National Park, California.

(b) **LAND ACQUIRED.**—The land referred to in subsection (a) is the land depicted on the map entitled "Dillonwood", numbered 102/80,044, and dated September 1999.

(c) **ADDITION TO PARK.**—On acquisition of the land under subsection (a), the Secretary shall—

(1) add the land to Sequoia National Park;

(2) modify the boundaries of Sequoia National Park to include the land; and

(3) administer the land as part of Sequoia National Park in accordance with all applicable law (including regulations).

Mr. SMITH of Oregon. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the consideration en bloc of the following two bills: Calendar No. 634, S. 2352, and Calendar No. 666, S. 2020.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bills by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 2352) to designate portions of the Wekiva River and associated tributaries as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

A bill (S. 2020) to adjust the boundary of the Natchez Trace Parkway, Mississippi, and for other purposes.